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be made to run in this direction ; and surely no better use can be made of the bounteous gifts with which our city is blessed, than in blessing the blind, the deaf, and the dumb, by enlarging the boundaries of their knowledge.

9. — 1. *Journal of Prison Discipline and Philanthropy.* Published under the Direction of the Philadelphia Society for the Alleviation of the Miseries of Public Prisons. Vol. I. No. I. January, 1845. Philadelphia. 8vo. pp. 96.
2. *First Report of the Prison Association of New York.* December, 1844. New York. 8vo. pp. 63.

WE have no room to go into even a statement of the deeply interesting subjects discussed in these two pamphlets. The one first mentioned is the commencement of a periodical publication, particularly occupied with expounding the principles of the Philadelphia system of prison discipline. A controversy has for some time existed, as the public well know, upon the respective merits of the Philadelphia and Auburn systems ; and the cause of truth and justice and humanity, as well as of policy, is deeply concerned in having both sides of the question illustrated by all the light that their advocates can throw upon them. It is, therefore, a fit subject of congratulation, that the able advocates of the Pennsylvania penitentiaries have taken this mode of explaining and defending their views.

The second pamphlet is a very satisfactory report of the Prison Association recently established in New York. Besides the constitution of the Society, it contains a collection of valuable statistics, which deserve the attention of the public, and have an important bearing upon the questions as to the proper treatment of crime and criminals.

10. — *The Odyssey of Homer, according to the Text of Wolf, with Notes ; for the Use of Schools and Colleges.* By J. J. OWEN, Principal of the Cornelius Institute. New York : Leavitt, Trow, & Co. 1845. 12mo. pp. 516.

WE have examined this edition of the "Odyssey" with considerable care, and great satisfaction with the manner in which Mr.